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BASEBALL LEAGUE

Central and Western Michigan League To Be Organized

ALMA A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Ten Teams to Be Selected From Eighteen Cities for the New League

Eighteen cities have been proposed for membership to a semi-professional ball league that is to be formed in Central Michigan, Alma is listed with these cities. The new league which has not as yet been formed, but undoubtedly will be organized will consist of eighteen teams to be picked from the following cities: Alma, Belding, Greenville, Lowell, Grand Haven, Holland, Grand Ledge, Portland, Ithaca, Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Coleman, Hastings, Allegan, Charlotte, St. Johns and Shepherd.

Those cities showing the most enthusiasm and those that are considered capable of financially supporting a team will be selected for membership in the new league. As Alma ranks well among the cities mentioned here in regard to population and baseball enthusiasm there is a probability of this city securing membership in the league, provided the fans come forward with the proper support.

Sunday ball will be played and cities favoring Sunday games will be given a preference. A meeting will be called in Grand Rapids about the second week in March so that forfeits may be posted and protection be formally requested of the National association. Also the different managers will be appointed at this meeting and the work of securing and signing up the papers for the coming season will immediately commence.

The Hub circuit will not be organized this year and several of the teams that ranked high in the average of last year have been mentioned for membership in this larger league. Alma is among this number.

The St. John's team has been practically signed up for the coming year. Charlotte is talking of devoting the funds formerly given to the baseball association to a city band but it is expected that this project will not go through.

The league if formed intends to secure protection from the National association so that teams that develop players who are later sold to larger leagues may obtain some benefit out of them. The St. John's team developed two high class players last year who this year enter larger leagues and this team does not derive any benefit from them which by rights they should have.

Sporting Editor Hayes, of the Lansing Journal, has been mentioned for the presidency of this new league. He is an enthusiastic supporter of baseball. If the league is formed only one or two games will be played in each city a week.

AGED RIVERDALE RESIDENT DIES.

Mrs. Gustav Woydt, of Riverdale, passed away at the home of her son, Bert Thorp, 128 West End street, Monday, February 15, at the age of seventy-eight.

She was a well known and highly esteemed resident of Riverdale and many relatives and friends remain to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held from the home of her son Wednesday afternoon, February 17, Rev. G. H. Carl officiating at the services. Interment was in the family lot at Riverside cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Gustav Woydt, and two sons, Wilson Thorp of Charlotte, and Bert Thorp of this city.

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT DEAD.

Mrs. Louis T. Muhn passed away at her home, southwest of Alma, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after a prolonged illness of several months. Funeral services will be held from her late home, Thursday afternoon. She is survived by her husband and three children, Elmer, Laurel and Vida, two brothers and three sisters.

WILL BE DEPORTED.

Mike Picasek, arrested in this city Friday evening, February 19, by Deputy Sheriff Parr for breaking and entering the store of Cohen Brothers, Tuesday evening, December 22, and stealing two sweaters, will probably be deported back to the "old" country.

Prosecuting Attorney Smith will endeavor through the immigration authorities to have the young man deported. Otherwise he will serve a sentence in the county jail.

POMONA GRANGE

Holds Joint Meeting With North Star Grange

Gratiot County Pomona Grange met with North Star Grange, Saturday, February 20. A very large number were present from granges throughout the county.

A meeting session was held which was followed by a dinner served by the North Star grange.

The open session was called to order at one o'clock by W. M. Plas. State speaker, F. W. Ovcott of Bay City gave a very interesting talk. The program follows:

Recitation, The Sandpiper—Rodney Lake.

Report of State Grange at Kalamazoo—Vincent Palmer.

Paper, Needs of the Michigan Agricultural College—E. W. Redman.

Question Box. Several different topics were discussed but the why and wherefore of the Shorthorned Durham occupied most of the hour. It was the general opinion that the Durham was the best general purpose cow, but not a profitable cow for anyone living near a milk or cream station.

After supper the grange was called to order in the fifth degree. Resolutions were adopted and sent to our representatives in the legislature endorsing the Torrens System of Land Transfer, State Guarantee of Bank Deposits, State Market Commission, Farm to Market Road System, Laws Prohibiting Pre-Primary Conventions, and State standard for Galvanizing Fence.

Resolutions were also passed endorsing State Master Ketcham for President of the M. A. C. It was resolved that an effort should be made to have one day set aside at the county fair as a grange day.

A class of five candidates was initiated in the fifth degree. The evening session was a closed session with degree work by the Liberty grange degree team.

GIRL WINS CONTEST

Helen Mason Wins Honors in Declamation Contest

Miss Helen Mason won the declamation contest given at the High School Monday evening, February 22. She delivered Webster's Oration, "The Responsibilities of American Citizenship." The oration was unusually good and was delivered in a forceful and interesting manner. She will represent the school in the sub district contest that will be held at Elsie, early in April.

William Blaisdell was awarded the second prize the title of his oration was "The Murder of Lovejoy," by Wendell Phillips.

The program of the evening was composed entirely of declamations and several selections furnished by the Girl's Glee Club. A vocal solo was given by Howard Handley and an instrumental duet by Merle Banghart and Gertrude Benedict. Those who took part in the oratorical contest are Francis Priest, Gretta Iutzi, James Hopsius, Helen Mason, Lita King, William Blaisdell, Mina Helman and Kenneth Montigel.

Several Large Orders Secured

The Alma Grain and Lumber Co. supplied all of the building material used in the erection of the new tabernacle. A large shipment ordered several weeks ago arrived here Monday.

Business is very good with this thriving concern. All of the building materials, used in the remodeling of the Pollasky block were supplied by them.

FIRE LADDIES' BALL

Held At Masonic Home Monday Evening Feb. 22

DANCE A SOCIAL SUCCESS

Annual Ball Proves to Be More Popular Each Year

The Firemen's Ball, the principal function of the social year, was given in the large dance hall of the Masonic Home, Monday evening, February 22, and was greatly enjoyed by many of the citizens of Alma.

About one hundred and fifty were present and the music for the dancing was furnished by the Alma Orchestra, conducted by Earl Medler. The dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and continued until twelve.



CHIEF SARTOR

This ball is an annual event and the proceeds are given to the firemen who consist of some of the public spirited citizens of Alma who protect the lives and property of the people of this city. Few realize the excellent work done by the firemen, their recent work at the Pollasky block makes it possible to see how necessary their efforts are to the community and the great danger and loss to property that would have resulted if it were not for their efficient work. What little recompense they receive for their services is far from the amount that they deserve.

The officers and members of the fire department are as follows: Chief, Joseph Sartor; captain, P. T. Bancroft; lieutenant, Karl Adams; secretary and treasurer, John S. Knoetzer; firemen, H. L. Orwig, Carl Walters, Sidney Hass, Edward LeFountain, William Woodland, Robert Butler, Howard Hoyt, Claude Struble and Daniel Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Montigel, of the Masonic Home, generously offered the lodge dance hall in the home to the firemen for their ball.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Rendered By Button Concert Company At Forest Hill

Residents of Forest Hill were delightfully entertained by the Button Concert Company at the Forest Hill church, Friday evening, February 19.

A program, which in the opinion of those who attended the concert, was far superior to the Lyceum entertainment was presented by this company of popular entertainers which consisted of vocal solos, readings and whistling solos.

Charles A. Button, the manager of the company, rendered some whistling solos which captivated his audience and he was encored repeatedly. The selections given by him were Isle D'Amour, The Mocking Bird, Tipperary, Glow Worm and Humoresque. By special request Old Black Joe was given.

William Gallagher greatly pleased the audience with his excellent classical and rag time selections.

The Civic Improvement League will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Francis King, Friday afternoon, March 5. Mr. Hugh Winkworth of the Michigan Nursery company of Monroe, will address the league members. His subject will be, "Trees and Shrubs." A large attendance is requested.

WHY NOT BE A ROYAL NEIGHBOR

A very pleasant social gathering of the Royal Neighbors of Alma was held at the home of Neighbor Rapson, on North Woodworth Avenue, Tuesday afternoon. A general good time was spent by all and at five o'clock the guests enjoyed a delightful luncheon. The table was neatly decorated in R. N. of A. Colors.

After luncheon, Neighbor Rapson, in behalf of the R. N. of A. presented Neighbor Gardner with a beautiful berry spoon.

All departed voting Neighbor Rapson a royal hostess and extending best wishes to Neighbor Gardner as she leaves for her new home in New Haven.

Mrs. Herbert Stoddard of Ottawa, Canada was an out of town guest.

TWO YEAR SENTENCE

St. Louis Man Sentenced to Ionia for Two Years

Robert Tedhamus, of St. Louis, was sentenced to two years imprisonment in the House of Correction at Ionia by Judge Searl last week. He recommended that the young man serve six months time of this sentence and that he be paroled for the remaining eighteen months.

Tedhamus is rather a hard character and the sentence imposed by the court will be well deserved.

He was arrested by Constable Daggart, of Wheeler, Saturday, February 13. At the time of his arrest, he was very drunk and had just driven his parents from their home at Wheeler. The young man attacked Constable Daggart with a sledge hammer but was overpowered and placed under arrest.

SALVATION ARMY

Will Have Their Tag Day Saturday Feb. 27

The Salvation Army has established a post here and will conduct services and carry on their excellent work in a large room directly over the store owned by L. N. Baker in the building at 116 1-2 East Superior street.

Saturday, February 27 is to be "Tag Day." The army staff will be stationed throughout the city and will offer for sale tags. The purchasers are to put just as much into the boxes as they think is proper or right. This plan has been tried out in many of the larger cities and has been a success and it is to be hoped that the citizens of Alma will contribute generously. The money will be put to a good use in establishing the corps here and assisting the poor of the city.

Special meetings are to be held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening and Captain and Mrs. D. R. Lamont in charge. To everyone a most cordial invitation to attend is extended. The opening day and meeting will be Tuesday, March 2.

Alma is fortunate to have a Salvation Army post in this city. Their work is among all classes of people, and the relief to the poor and unfortunate accomplished by this organization is very great. This society has branches operating in fifty-four different countries and colonies throughout the world. The Salvation Army paper the "War Cry" is published in seventeen different languages.

WONDERFUL BARGAINS OFFERED AT COHEN'S FIRE SALE.

Cohen's Fire Sale is still in full swing and wonderful bargains are being offered to the public in goods of all descriptions, slightly damaged by the recent fire in their former store in the Pollasky Block.

The sale commenced February 6 and will continue until all of the goods now in stock are sold. The firm have not as yet picked out a location for their new store but have options on several large stores on Superior street. As soon as they have sold their entire stock they will immediately purchase a complete new stock and offer for sale goods of the best material at very reasonable prices.

BIG TABERNACLE IS COMPLETED

Building Will Be Dedicated Friday Evening

The tabernacle is completed and commencing February 28 will house over thirteen hundred people daily at evangelistic services conducted by practically all of the churches in this city. The meetings will be conducted by a man who is known throughout the country as a speaker and orator who has christianized and assisted many people and communities.

This campaign will be the largest ever held in the county and one of the largest ever given in the state. It will put Alma on the map in capital letters as a live progressive city that is doing its best along christian lines to better the community.

The business men and practically all of the citizens are and have been

Rev. Loose will arrive in Alma some time Saturday from Nebraska where he has just completed a similar campaign. A great many letters have been received by the executive committee commending and complimenting this evangelist and his assistant Professor Lillenas who will conduct the singing at the meeting. The following letter has just been received by Rev. Mr. Mason of the Presbyterian Church and is very similar to many others that have been received:

Cozad, Nebraska, February 20, 1915.

Rev. W. H. Mason, Alma, Mich., Dear Sir:— In view of the fact that your folk are to have a revival campaign con-



EVANGELIST REV. ELMER P. LOOSE
Who Will Conduct Services at the New Tabernacle.

ducting a great deal of time, money and energy into this work and all that the promoters ask, is that the people will respond by attending the meetings.

Rev. Loose the evangelist will then accomplish the rest. He is an orator that can easily make his audiences see their mistakes, realize their differences between right and wrong and in practically every case all of his audiences are bettered as well as the community in general at the end of his campaign.

Work on the huge tabernacle that will be used for the services was commenced Monday morning under the direction of Henry Soule with a crowd of twenty men who volunteered their services. At eight o'clock Monday morning the ground was broken and by noon the frame and practically all of the boarding for the exterior of the building was completed. This is without doubt the speediest piece of building work ever accomplished in Alma. The writer was reminded of the speedy work done by some of the large churches when they pitch their huge tents by the rapid work accomplished in the building of the tabernacle. Tuesday because of the elements the work men accomplished very little, but by Wednesday evening the entire building was completed.

The dedication of the building will take place Friday evening at seven o'clock and will be completed in time for those desiring to attend the Lyceum at the Presbyterian church.

Building Committee—Mr. H. H. Soule, chairman; Mr. Charles Dutt, Dr. F. C. Thornburg and Mr. Nelson Fullerton.

Music Committee—Prof. Dickerson, chairman; Mrs. F. C. Thornburg.

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OLD RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. William H. Sloan Dies Saturday, February 20

SETTLED IN COUNTY IN 1854

Funeral Held At Episcopal Church Monday Afternoon

Mrs. William H. Sloan passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Goggins, Saturday, February 20, at the age of seventy-four. The deceased was one of the pioneer residents of Gratiot County, settling here in 1854, her parents being one of the first families to enter the county.

She was born in Tuscora County, O., in 1841, residing there until 1854 when her parents moved to this county, settling on a farm two miles north of town that is now known as the Henry Salmon farm. They lived there one year and then moved to Saginaw, living on the land now occupied by the Bancroft Hotel of that city. In the pioneer days there were not any roads in this section of Michigan and it was necessary for the parents of Mrs. Sloan to move all of their household effects in a canoe on the Pine River from here to Saginaw. The eight children in the family walked to Saginaw, a distance of forty miles on the river bank. Her parents resided in Saginaw about one year and then returned to the same farm.

In the year 1857 she married William H. Sloan. After the marriage moving to a 40-acre farm that is now known as the Mill's farm, one mile and a half north of this city. The oldest child, Mrs. William H. Rogers, of this city, was born at this farm. In 1869 they moved to Ionia county where her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Goggins, of this city was born. In 1863 they returned to this county, occupying a farm north of this city, now known as the Bell farm and resided here for 50 years.

During the last 50 years with the exception of 12 days spent in visiting her parents in Ohio she has spent every night of the 50 years at their farm.

The farm that they so long occupied was sold about four years ago and they moved to Alma, William H. Sloan dying after they had resided here about six months, on November 13, 1911.

Since the time of her husband's death her health has been very poor and she has been residing with her two daughters, Mrs. William H. Rogers and Mrs. Daniel Goggins, of this city.

Funeral services were held at the Episcopal Church Monday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Jackson the pastor of the church. Interment was in the family lot at Riverside cemetery.

HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

Seniors Conduct Successful Fair Friday Night.

The Senior Fair was given at the high school gymnasium Saturday afternoon and was a thorough success. The proceeds amounted to \$75 and will be used for the benefit of the Senior Annual fund.

The gymnasium was artistically decorated with the class colors consisting of green and white. A great many booths were situated at different sections of the large room and novelties and wares too numerous to mention were displayed and offered for sale on all sides.

Everything was for sale from buttered popcorn, home-made candies, punch, ginger ale, grape juice, ice cream cones, novelties of all kinds, flowers and potted plants.

The greatest money making feature of the fair was the restaurant. A wide and varied menu of delicacies and wholesome food was offered at a very nominal price.

Music was furnished by the school orchestra during the afternoon and a vaudeville entertainment given in the evening by members of the school.